



# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Meeting

*TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY*

**October 13:** Community Relations Committee's Speaker Series (see article on page 6 for information)

**October 16, 4-8 PM:** Montgomery Parks Event at Western Grove Park, "Pumpkins & Pours" (Rain date: Oct. 17, 4-8 PM; see enclosed flier for info.)

**October 20:** Vaccine Clinic at the Village Hall (see enclosed flier for information)

**October 23:** The Italian Cultural Society Event (see article on page 6 for information)

**November 8:** Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

**Note:** Meeting format (in person vs. virtual) to be determined.

**November 2021 Appeal/Variance  
Deadline: Mon., Oct. 18 by 5:00 PM**

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## WORK WITH YOUR LANDSCAPER TODAY TO OPERATE LEAF BLOWERS LEGALLY;

BAN ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2022

A ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will go into effect on January 1, 2022. A reminder mailing was sent to all Village households in mid-September. The mailing contained information for residents and a card for residents to provide to their contractor containing the effective date of this ban and current regulations that apply through the end of the year and beyond. Additionally, the Village sent information regarding the ban to a list of almost 150 landscape contractors known to do work in the area.

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## FLU CLINIC: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 4PM TO 6PM

The Village, in partnership with Chevy Chase At Home, will host a flu, pneumonia, shingles and tetanus booster clinic in the Village Hall on Wednesday, October 20 from 4-6 PM. See the enclosed flier for more information.

**Participants must register AND complete a Consent Form in advance** by visiting the Village website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov), and clicking on "Register for the October 20 Vaccine Clinic". The clinic will be administrated by Giant Pharmacy.

**SAVE THE DATE:** A **COVID-19 vaccine booster clinic** is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, November 10 from 4-6 PM in the Village Hall**. Please subscribe to the Village's weekly blast emails to receive information regarding the booster clinic as soon as it is available (see article on page 5 for information).

## 2021 HALLOWEEN AND HOLIDAY PARTIES CANCELED

As our world continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta variant, the health and safety of Village residents and personnel remain our utmost concern. Therefore, we have determined that it is not safe to hold our annual Halloween and Holiday Parties in the Village Hall this year. The events were canceled in order to limit the opportunities for local transmission of the virus given the traditional high attendance at these end of the year events.

We deeply regret having to cancel these gatherings which are cornerstones of our community-building program of activities. We are excited, however, to partner with the Montgomery County Parks Department to host **Pumpkins & Pours at Western Grove Park on Saturday, October 16 from 4-8 PM**. See the enclosed flier for more information.

## WELCOME OUR TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE & CONSTITUENT SERVICES ASSISTANT

Please join us in welcoming Ms. **Bjelle Dwarika** as our temporary Administrative & Constituent Services Assistant.



Bjelle is from New York, and was raised in Maryland. She is currently working towards a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. Prior to the pandemic, she worked for multiple residential and commercial property management companies in the Maryland, District

of Columbia and Virginia. Bjelle brings 12 years of experience in resident relations, marketing and accounting.

In her free time, Bjelle is a certified personal trainer and enjoys training and educating people to maintain a health and fitness lifestyle. Her hobbies also include volunteering, traveling and sports.

Please join us in welcoming Bjelle to the Village staff!

For matters related to Hall rentals, Village events, the Resident Directory, monthly newsletter and general administration, email: [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## OCTOBER IS ENERGY ACTION MONTH

Energy Action Month is an opportunity for residents to take proactive steps to lower their energy usage and their utility bills. Residents and businesses are encouraged to monitor their energy usage and habits and take steps to reduce usage through energy efficiency: the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, reduce utility bills, and improve our overall quality of life.

Learn more about the Energy Action Month Program at: [mygreenmontgomery.org/2021/energy-action-month-2021/](http://mygreenmontgomery.org/2021/energy-action-month-2021/)

## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: SEPT. 2021

9 West Kirke Street – Install geothermal system  
5 Grafton Street – Install geothermal system  
5510 Center Street – One story addition, new rear deck  
18 West Irving Street – Two story rear elevation addition  
5600 Western Ave – Enclose ex'g porch, mud room addition  
11 Grafton Street – Install a brick walkway  
21 Quincy Street – Install geothermal system; pool house  
17 Magnolia Parkway – Enclose existing porch

## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR CANINE *It's Considerate, and It's the Law*

More pet owners are out and about generally with their pets. Unfortunately, we are receiving increased reports of people failing to clean up after their dogs or disposing of pet waste bags in yards.

The Montgomery County Code (which applies in the Village) requires pet owners clean up after their pets. Carry your own waste bag or make use of the numerous bag dispensers and public trash cans located throughout the community. Failure to pick-up after your pet is an infraction carrying a \$100 fine, is inconsiderate to your neighbors and contaminates our watershed. Remind those who walk your family dog, to be sure they understand how to properly clean up after the pet.

For information on how you can be a part of the *Poop Loop*, visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/Resources/Files/education/pet-waste/poop-loop.pdf>

## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort will begin later this month, and will continue as needed through December.

**Residents on Bradley Lane** are required to bag their leaves before placing them at the roadside, unless they have arranged for a loose leaf pick-up (email [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information). Bradley Lane leaf bags will be collected throughout the week, as part of your normal yard waste collections. **If you bag your leaves, they must be placed in paper bags.** Public Works will not pick up leaves that have been bagged in plastic.

**Residents and their lawn care contractors are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter.** Please inform your landscape crews of this requirement. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Please avoid boxing in piles of leaves between cars both for easier accessibility for the collection crews and safety for your vehicles.

Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades, resulting in downtime for the machine to allow for repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the schedule.

Leaves on each block in the Village should be collected once per week. Schedule updates will be circulated through the Village's weekly blast emails.

....Continued from the cover article, "Work with Your Landscaper TODAY to Operate Leaf Blowers Legally"

As a reminder, residents and landscapers are cautioned that **all blowers operated within the Village remain subject to Montgomery County's Noise Ordinance.** The county's Noise Ordinance states that "a person must not...use a leaf blower at any time that has an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA at a distance of 50 feet." Additionally, the simultaneous use of multiple leaf blowers that are compliant with the 70 bDA limit can create noise of a sufficient level to qualify as a violation and/or noise disturbance.

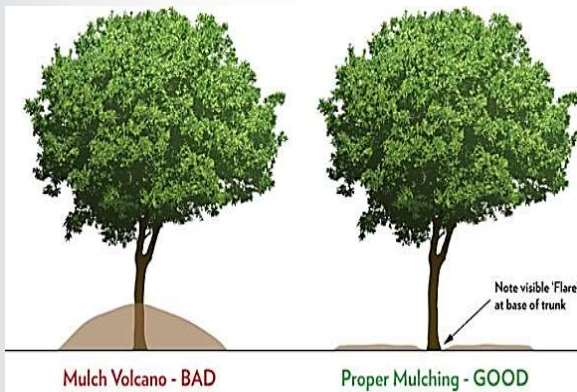
If a blower seems loud, it may be in violation. Residents are encouraged to report blowers that are suspected to be in violation to the Village Communications Center to allow staff to follow-up with the contractor and property owner. First time confirmed violators will receive a warning and guidance for operating legally.

**Residents are responsible for discussing these restrictions with your yard maintenance crews before they begin working this fall. Now is the time to prepare and begin the transition to electric blowers as you and your landscaper prepare for the upcoming leaf season.**

To view the county's leaf blower notice, visit: <https://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=912>. To review the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance and the provisions pertaining to leaf blowers (Section 31B-9), visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/resources/files/downloads/compliance/noise-control-ordinance.pdf>.

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## BEWARE OF MULCH VOLCANOES



Deciduous trees can benefit from the application of a 2-3" layer of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can help maintain moisture, reduce weed germination and protect trunks from lawn care equipment. Mulch materials can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Unfortunately, over-zealous landscape crews frequently apply too much material and mound mulch against the trunk of the tree, hence the term "mulch volcanoes". This is detrimental to the health of the tree and can cause serious decline. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree.

Visit the following website for tree care tips, including an article detailing proper mulching technique:

<http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx>

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## BIKES, BIKES, BIKES

The cooler weather is great for getting out on our bikes- or cleaning out unused bikes to donate. This spring, the Village Environment & Energy (E&E) Committee organized a bike donation activity and collected 71 bikes for Bikes for the World, a group which refurbishes and distributes bikes across the globe.

Closer to home, Manuel Vera, a retired Pepco employee living in Silver Spring, has been repairing still-useful bikes of all sizes and giving them to people in need of transportation. (See John Kelly Washington Post article, May 5, 2021, page B3). Village residents have donated five bikes to Mr. Vera and to date Mr. Vera has given away 140 bikes. He is now working with a local church to distribute free bikes to Afghan refugees in this area.

If you have bikes which might be useful to others, please consider:

- Offering your bike to a neighbor or friend (spread the word on the Village listserv);
- Offering your bike to the Village E&E Committee to give to Mr. Vera

Remember, as we begin more bike rides, to obey traffic regulations and to wear helmets (adults and children). Donations of helmets are also appreciated. While they do have a limited life, if they are intact and have never absorbed impact, they are still better than no helmet.

To donate, request a pick up or to ask questions, contact E&E Committee Member, Ollie Davidson, by emailing [pppartners@comcast.net](mailto:pppartners@comcast.net) (Put "Bikes" in the Subject line). *Thank you for your support!*



# BOARD ACTIONS:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

## Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - approved

July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

## Consent Agenda—Tree Removal Appeals - all approved

### **A-2647 (Tree Consent Agreement) 16 Magnolia Parkway**

Removal of two Southern Magnolia trees, each measuring twelve (12) inches in diameter, and two Flowering Cherry trees, one measuring ten (10) and the other twelve (12) inches in diameter, to accommodate implementation of a proposed landscape plan.

### **A-2648 (Tree Consent Agreement) 23 West Irving Street**

Removal of one Ash tree measuring eight (8) inches in diameter and one Elm tree measuring eight (8) inches in diameter to accommodate the implementation of a proposed landscape plan.

## Appeals, Special Permit & Variance Requests - all approved

### **A-7986 (Variance Request) 37 Quincy Street**

Maintain a fence which was installed, and which measures six (6) feet in height along the east (Brookville Road) property line. The fence extends for a length of fifty-five (55) feet at which point it diminishes to a height of four (4) feet. The prior variance was issued conditioned on the fence being placed west of a line of trees located along the east property line. Instead, the fence was installed to the east of the line of trees, which was not permitted. This amendment seeks to authorize the placement of the fence in its current location.

### **A-7978 (Special Permit Request) 5500 Kirkside Drive**

Replace a wood board fence located in the Grove Street public right-of-way measuring six (6) feet in height.

### **A-7985 (a) & (b) (Special Permit Request) 29 Hesketh Street**

Maintain a driveway which was widened and which measures a maximum of:

- a) twenty-one (21) feet in width on private property, exceeding the allowable width on private property by six (6) feet; and
- b) twenty-one (21) feet in width in the Cedar Parkway public right of way, exceeding the allowable width in the public right-of-way by eleven (11) feet.

## Matters Presented for Board Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Adoption - all approved

**Resolution No. 09-01-21:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Sec. 3-6, "Village Manager", to authorize the Village Manager to determine that certain vaccinations and inoculations are required in order for all employees to be fit to perform the essential duties of their positions and to avoid endangering the health or safety of themselves or others in the course of their employment.

### **Board Discussion – Consideration of a Contract to Perform Stormwater Survey and Regulatory Review**

**Contract Authorization Request - Consulting Engineering Services:** *Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc. (CPJ)*

**Resolution No. 09-02-21:** An Ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2022 budget to transfer \$24,800 from reserves to the "Public Works Vehicle Purchases" line item in the Capital Equipment budget to fund the purchase of one fully outfitted trash collection truck and one fully outfitted pick-up truck

### **Purchase Authorization Requests**

- Public Works – Fully Outfitted Trash collection truck (Johnson Truck Center - \$172,000)
- Public Works – Fully Outfitted Pickup truck (Criswell Chevrolet, Inc. - \$44,800)

## Commission and Committee Matters - all approved

### **Personnel Commission:**

- Board reappointment of Orrin Baird (Oliver Street) to serve as Chair, term ending September 2022
- Board reappointment of Gregory Ossi (Primrose Street) to serve as a member, term ending September 2024

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: [www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov](http://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov) by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.*

**Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting:** Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** This meeting will be held virtually with members of the Board of Managers, staff and the public participating by phone or video. Access information for this meeting will be posted to the Village website and included in the weekly blast email on October 7.

# THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: [john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## PROTECTING YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH AND YOUR CREDIT RATING REQUIRES SENSIBLE SECURITY HABITS

- Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America and it can happen to anyone. The National Crime Prevention Council offers the following tips:
- Do not give out your personal information unless you initiate the contact or know the person or company with whom you are dealing. Also, never disclose personal information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number in response to an email or a phone call. Legitimate businesses will not ask you to do this.
- Do not disclose your credit card number to an online vendor unless it is encrypted and the site is secure. Look at the first part of the Web address on your browser. It should read <https://>.
- Do not write your Social Security number on checks or credit card receipts.
- Remove all documents with personal information from your hard drive before discarding your computer or sending it in for repair.
- Shred discarded documents, including preapproved credit card applications, bank statements, store receipts and utility bills. "Dumpster divers" can gain access to your personal information if such items are thrown in the trash or recycle bins.
- Cancel all credit cards that have not been used in the last six months. Open credit is a prime target for thieves.
- Order your credit report at least twice a year and report any mistakes to the credit reporting agency in writing.

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact the Village Police Department as soon as possible. To learn more about preventing identity theft, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's Web site at [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

## DON'T FALL PREY TO PHONE SCAMMERS

Phone scams are rampant nationwide. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department urges everyone to use the following precautions whenever they are dealing with someone over the phone whose identity is uncertain:

- Consider ignoring calls from unfamiliar phone numbers. You don't have to answer the phone at all; let those calls go to voicemail and decide later whether or not you want to call back.
- Don't give out information. Period. If a caller asks you for any personal or financial information, assume that they are a crook.
- Never allow yourself to be pressured into making an immediate decision.
- Hang up. You don't have to be polite to a crook.

Report suspicious calls to the police. To learn more about avoiding phone fraud, go to [www.ftc.gov/phonefraud](http://www.ftc.gov/phonefraud).

### OUR KEY PROGRAM ONLY WORKS IF WE HAVE YOUR KEY!

If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

## SIGN UP FOR THE VILLAGE'S EMAIL BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village has created 2 different lists to deliver information to residents:

- Urgent News Alerts which are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis.
- General News Alerts which are geared towards community events, Board meetings, etc. These alerts will be sent to you once or twice a week.

To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) and click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo. Please note that in order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE SENIOR CORNER: CHEVY CHASE AT HOME, *AN AGING IN PLACE VILLAGE*

Chevy Chase at Home is a group of neighbors helping neighbors. Through volunteer support, CC@H offers a rich program of affinity groups, continuing education, socialization, and exercise--all currently via Zoom.

Please consider whether you, a family member, a friend or neighbor might benefit from the help and sense of community that Chevy Chase at Home can provide. We welcome members and volunteers.

Visit <https://www.chevychaseathome.org/> for more information and applications.

## THE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS DANTE L'ITALIANO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 4-6 PM

The 21st edition of the Week of the Italian Language in the World is dedicated to Dante Alighieri, often considered the "Father of the Italian Language". Dante, who wrote the *Divine Comedy* in the vernacular rather than Latin, brought literary authority and prestige to Italian and shaped the direction this new language would take. He argues for the eloquence of the vernacular in his remarkable essay *De Vulgari Eloquentia* and for its efficacy in his *Vita Nuova*. Key passages from these works will highlight Dante's extraordinary linguistic creativity and his enduring contributions to the beauty and power of Italian.

To help us plan refreshments, please RSVP by calling 301-215-7885 or visiting: [www.italianculturalsociety.org/events](http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/events).

**Note:** Attendees must wear face masks inside the Village Hall.

## ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS

The CDC has released guidance on eligibility for third and booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations are available at pharmacies, some private providers and county-sponsored clinics. To confirm eligibility and to find a booster clinic, visit [www.GoVaxMoCo.com](http://www.GoVaxMoCo.com) or call 240-777-2982 Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For free testing sites, visit [www.MoCoCOVIDtesting.org](http://www.MoCoCOVIDtesting.org). For the latest COVID-19 updates, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19).

## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

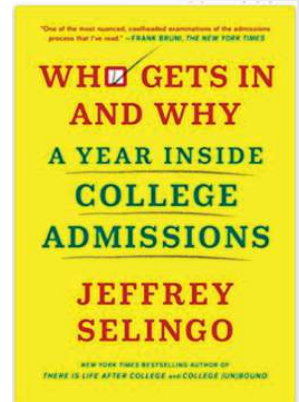


Wednesday, October 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Jeffrey Selingo**

*Award-Winning Higher Education Journalist & Author*

From award-winning higher education journalist, New York Times bestselling author and Chevy Chase Village resident Jeffrey Selingo comes a revealing look from inside the admissions office—one that identifies surprising strategies that will aid in the college search: from the New York Times list of "Most Notable Books of 2020," *Who Gets In And Why*.



This book is an excellent source of information about the opaque process of college admissions. Jeffrey imbedded within the admissions departments of multiple universities to learn how decisions are made. Please join your neighbors for the return of the Speaker Series on **Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00-8:30 p.m.** and to learn more about the selection process.

Masks are required for all event attendees in accordance with the Village Hall entry protocols. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Lance Patterson at [mlpatterson2@verizon.net](mailto:mlpatterson2@verizon.net).

*Lance Patterson*

*Chair, Community Relations Committee*

## JOIN THE VILLAGE LISTSERV

CCVillage@Groups.io is the community listserv for residents of Chevy Chase Village. To join, visit <https://groups.io/g/CCVillage> and click on the blue "+ Join This Group" button. Once enrolled, the email address to submit messages to the group is [ccvillage@groups.io](mailto:ccvillage@groups.io).

The CCVillage information website is at <http://CCVillage.info>. For assistance, contact moderator and Village resident Tim Slagle at [ccvillage+owner@groups.io](mailto:ccvillage+owner@groups.io).

# VILLAGE TEENS

Village teens are available for a variety of services. Please email the Village office at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) to add a teen to the list and to make changes.

**List available in the print version that is mailed to residents.**

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## JOIN THE CREW; THE COMPOST CREW

Food-waste recycling--otherwise known as "composting"--is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and greenhouse emissions while returning nutrients to our soil and food system. The Village has partnered with The Compost Crew to provide low-cost household collection of food-waste.

The Compost Crew provides each household with an airtight bin and compostable bags. Residents separate organic waste and leave the bin by their trash/recycling for collection on the designated day for weekly pick-up. The collected waste is processed at a composting facility in Maryland. After six months of service, households can request that a portion of their contributed waste be returned in the form of rich, finished nutrient-rich soil.

For more information including current rates, visit the "Food Waste Recycling Program" page on the Village website under Quick Links on the homepage. The more households that participate, the cheaper the service is for all, so sign up today!

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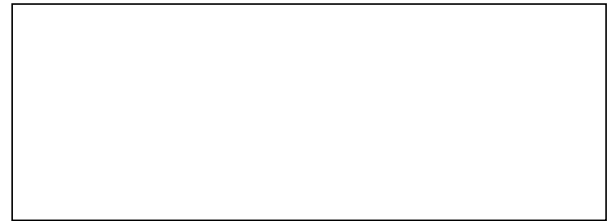


## BOARD OF MANAGERS

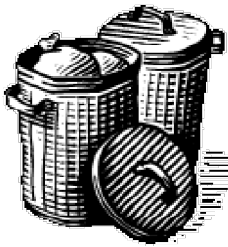
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Nancy E. Watters - *Assistant Treasurer*  
Lou Morsberger - *Board Member*

## VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



## TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

**Special Pickups** of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

## FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

<https://www.facebook.com/CCVillage>

<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>



## DO I NEED A PERMIT?



If you are thinking of starting a renovation, building, or landscape project, please be sure to contact the Village office for information as to what permits may be required.

There are County and Village building regulations that may apply. Please contact the Village's Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Lora Reynaud, at [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov).